



Job Description – Part-time Forest School Practitioner

Teaching time – Wednesday and Thursday afternoon

Line Manager: Forest School Leader

The Part-time Forest School Practitioner will be expected to provide high quality, inspirational training for children at Oak Lodge Primary School. The role requires moderate levels of physical effort. It involves lifting and handling of equipment and other resources, leading practical activities, the physical care of learners as well as the physical woodland environment.

Teaching is mainly outdoors and this will require walking and managing the delivery of the session on uneven surfaces and in unpredictable weather conditions. You are required to be a role model for the staff and learners you work with, adhering fully to Health & Safety procedures.

Duties and responsibilities:

- To plan, prepare and deliver inspiring and engaging Forest School lessons
- To liaise with the class teachers to maximise learning opportunities
- To be responsible for setting up the activities and getting ready the equipment and materials needed.
- To maintain the materials, tools and equipment in a suitable state.
- To prepare and keep up to date the relevant Risk Assessments. To make staff aware of the Risk Assessments.
- To advise and support the school in maintaining the Forest School area in a suitable state, including any planting.
- To advise the school on the necessary purchasing of any equipment, and to fill in the relevant order forms.
- To help promote the Forest School.
- To hold Forest School sessions for children from the Compass Academy Trust in the school holidays.
- To adhere to any relevant policies about Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities, Data Protection and Confidentiality
- To carry out other duties the Head teacher may require from time to time.

Knowledge and Skills

Level 3 Forest Schools Practitioner – desirable (training will be available for those who are unqualified)

Knowledge, understanding and practical experience of Forest School provision for Primary School aged children – desirable

Knowledge and practical understanding of child development – essential

Knowledge and understanding and practical experience of sustainable woodland management and education within the outdoor environment – desirable

Ability to work independently and manage own time efficiently – essential

Warm and caring personality – friendly and approachable to learners – essential

Ability to create and implement basic systems for learner records – essential

Ability to communicate effectively with staff at all levels – essential

Understanding of the Forest School Ethos and be able to apply this throughout all working practice, both with learners and staff.

This job description describes in general terms the normal duties which the post holder will be expected to undertake. However, the job description or the duties contained therein may vary or be amended from time to time without changing the level of responsibility associated with this post.

Oak Lodge Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS clearance and other relevant employment checks.